

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended) A packaged product comprising:

- (A) a ~~food~~ meat product having an added liquid thereon, the added liquid comprising brine;
- (B) a packaging article ~~at least partially~~ surrounding the ~~food~~ meat product and the added liquid, with atmosphere having been evacuated from between the meat product and the packaging article, the packaging article having a seal layer comprising a member selected from the group consisting of a slip agent and a surfactant.

Claim 2 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer comprises the slip agent in an amount of from about 300 to 6000 ppm.

Claim 3 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer comprises the slip agent in an amount of from about 600 to 4500 ppm.

Claim 4 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer comprises the slip agent in an amount of from about 1200 to 3000 ppm.

Claim 5 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the slip agent comprises a fatty amide, and the surfactant comprises a non-ionic surfactant.

Claim 6 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 5, wherein the slip agent comprises a primary fatty amide, and the surfactant comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of sorbitan oleate and alkyl-phenol.

Claim 7 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer contains a heterogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer having a density of from about 0.85 to 0.95 g/cc.

Claim 8 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 7, wherein the heterogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer has a melt index of from about 0.1 g/10 min to about 10 g/10 min.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer contains a homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer having a density of from about 0.85 to 0.95 g/cc.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 9, wherein the homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer has a melt index of from about 0.1 g/10 min to about 10 g/10 min.

Claim 11 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer is free of antiblock particulates on the surface thereof.

Claim 12 (withdrawn) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer has an outer surface having surfactant thereon, the surfactant being present in an amount of from about 0.5 to 500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{in}^2$.

Claim 13 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the packaging article comprises a film having a total free shrink of from 10 to about 150 percent at 185°F.

Claim 14 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the packaging article comprises a film having a total free shrink of less than 10 percent at 185°F.

Claim 15 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the packaging article comprises a film having the seal layer, the film having a thickness of from about 0.1 to 20 mils.

Claim 16 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the packaging article comprises a sheet having the seal layer, the sheet having a thickness of from about 5 to 600 mils.

Claim 17 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 16, wherein the sheet is a rigid non-foam sheet having a thickness of from about 10 to 60 mils.

Claim 18 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 16, wherein the sheet is a foam sheet having a thickness of from about 50 to 400 mils.

Claim 19 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the food product comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of meat and cheese.

Claim 20 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 19, wherein the meat comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of pork and beef.

Claim 21 (canceled)

Claim 22 (currently amended) The packaged product according to Claim ~~21~~ 1, wherein the added liquid is present in an amount of from about 1 percent to 50 percent, based on the weight of the product.

Claim 23 (previously presented) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of polyolefin, polyamide, polyester, polyvinyl chloride, and ionomer.

Claim 24 (withdrawn) A packaged product comprising:

- (A) a food product having an added liquid thereon, the added liquid comprising brine;
- (B) a packaging article at least partially surrounding the food product and the added liquid, the packaging article comprising a seal layer having a surface energy of 28 dynes/cm or less, or at least 32 dynes/cm.

Claim 25 (currently amended) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein product comprises brine-injected fresh meat ~~and the atmosphere has been evacuated between the package and the fresh meat~~, and the ~~package~~ packaging article comprises a film which has been shrunk against the fresh meat.

Claim 26 (currently amended) The packaged product according to Claim 25, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging article is made from an end-seal bag.

Claim 27 (currently amended) The packaged product according to Claim 25, wherein the ~~package~~ packaging article is made from a side-seal bag.

Claim 28 (new) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer comprises a fatty amide slip agent comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of primary fatty acid, secondary fatty amide, tertiary fatty amide, and fatty bisamide.

Claim 29 (new) The packaged product according to Claim 28, wherein the fatty amide slip agent comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of erucamide, behenamide, oleamide, lauramide, stearamide, N,N'-ethylene bis-stearamide.

Claim 30 (new) The packaged product according to Claim 28, wherein the seal layer further comprises an antiblocking agent.

Claim 31 (new) The packaged product according to Claim 30, wherein the antiblocking agent comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of corn starch, potato starch, and tapioca starch.

Claim 32 (new) The packaged product according to Claim 1, wherein the seal layer comprises at least one slip agent selected from the group consisting of fatty amide, fatty acid, fatty acid metal salt, fluorinated fatty acid, fluorinated fatty alcohol, fatty ester, petroleum wax, vegetable wax, animal wax, cellulose derivative, polysaccharide, silicone, fluorocarbon, fluoropolymer, and polyolefin wax.